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DUMB MAN SPEAKS

Two years ago Harry Shannon of Melbourne underwent a serious throat operation which deprived him of his larynx and vocal cord. In consequence he entirely lost his voice. He could communicate only by writing, but after a study of how the voice is produced he made a remarkable instrument which amazed doctors and restored his powers of speech. It consists of a metal tube containing a reed of rice paper supported by rubber bands, the operation left Shannon with a small silver tube aperture in his throat through which he breathes. By connecting his artificial voice box to this aperture, air is passed through the tube vibrating the reed, the sound is carried to his mouth and words are formed by his lips and tongue. (S.O.F.)